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For: SUPPORT DEVICE FOR)
CONTAINERS IN)
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)
TREATMENT MACHINES)
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Notice of Allowance but before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a statement as specified under § 1.97(e). This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in addition to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed September 17, 2004, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 13, 2004.

The document listed in this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

A copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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